

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 18 as follows:

Referring now to FIG 1, an interlocking trimmer and clipper stand is generally designated 10, and includes preferably portable rechargeable units, such as trimmers and clippers 12, 14, ~~and perhaps a~~ A trimmer stand 16 and a clipper stand 18 ~~upon which the trimmer and the clipper, respectively, are engaged for recharging purposes~~ the trimmer 12 and the clipper 14. The rechargeable units 12, 14 are a hair trimmer and a hair clipper, but the present invention is contemplated as being utilized with other rechargeable electric devices including shavers or other appliances using charging stands. Alternatively, the stand 10 may hold appliances that do not have rechargeable batteries or require recharging on the stand. The stands are preferably plastic but may be any other material suitable for holding a rechargeable or non-rechargeable unit.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 5 as follows:

Referring to FIGS. 2-7 and 10, the cradle 46 is disposed in the opening 70 between two ridges 76 and defines an enclosure 78 between the floor 58 of docking recess 54 and the trimmer cradle bottom 52 (shown in FIGS. 6 and 10). The enclosure 78 houses the at least one contact 56, 60. Screws 79, snaps or other fasteners securably hold the cradle 46 and the base 34 together to form the enclosure 78. As seen in FIG. 10,

prongs 89 extend from the contact 56 for engagement with an outlet, an extension cord, or the like.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 17 as follows:

Referring now to FIGS. 8 and 9, located centrally on the trimmer cradle lower end 50 is an aperture 86 configured to receive an input such as ~~from~~ a power cord 87. When the cord 87 is mated with the aperture 86, the connection is between the legs 68 of the base 34 and between the base and the cradle 46. Further, when the cord 87 is engaged in the aperture 86, the cord may either pass through the base opening 70 or pass under the legs 68 and out the side of the base 34. Similarly, with respect to the clipper stand 18, an aperture 88 is located on the cradle lower end 51 and is configured to receive an input. The apertures 86, 88 may be similar or may be configured to receive different inputs. Additionally, when the cord 87 is connected to the aperture 88 of the clipper stand 18, the cord may similarly exit the periphery of the stand. In this manner, the connection of the cord 87 at the input is shielded by the stand and the likelihood of the connection coming loose or becoming damaged is lessened.